NEW GERMAN TERMS REFLECT BLOWS RECEIVED AT VERDUN

Unrest at Home and Increasing Privations, as Well as Defeats, Lead Diplomatists to Offer Most All Conquests for Peace quests for Peace.

By JOHN L. BALDERSTON.

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Material is not yet available here to analyze the symptoms of internal unrest, the fall of Von Tirpits, the for the high food prices, the revulsion caused by the whispered stories of the hecatombs before Verdun. But it is possible to indicate very clearly the effects produced on the governing minds of both alliances by the three outstanding events of the past three months. The Turkish rout in Armenia and consequent abandonment of the attack on Egypt, the strategic failure of the Germans on the height of the strategic failure of the Germans on the height of the strategic failure of the Germans on the height of the strategic failure of the Germans on the height of the strategic failure of the Germans on the height of the strategic failure of the Germans on the height of the strategic failure of the Germans on the height of the strategic failure of the Germans on the height of the strategic failure of the strategic fai of the Germans on the heights of the Meuse, and the political crisis in Germany. This will be done by considering the peace terms under official discussion at the first of the year, and comparing them with those now discussed, unofficially, in official quarters.

In a dispatch dated January 8, I

Belgium to enter the Austro-German-Turko-Bulgarian customs union, to "insure that Belgian foreign policy does not again come under the control of Françe and England, with renewed danger to German military interesta" The return of all German colonies. under a formula providing for the evacuation of all conquered territory by under a formula

The cession to Italy by Austria of the line of the Isonso river, involving a strip of territory to the west of the river inhabited by Italians, and a rectification of the frontier of the Trenting giving Italy controller. tino, giving Italy control of some of the passes of strategic importance.

"7. The recognition of German sovereignty over Luxemburg. In return for which part of lower Alace will be ceded to France; cossions to France under no circumstance to include Metz or Stras-

"8. Recognition by the allies of pre dominant German influence in Asiatic Turkey, phrased in such a way as to spare Turk feelings and disguise the virtual protectorate over Turkey which

Germany desires.

"9. Integrity of old Serbia; but Bulgaria to retain Macedonia or new Serbia."

Peace Talk Again Started.

These terms were given not as those which Germany would put forward, but

For nearly three months, while the blows against Egypt and Verdun were in preparation, little peace talk was heard. Now it has been started again all over the world, in the familiar German way. Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's recent Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's recent talk with Ambassador Gerard was the most open move made, but the chancellor did not definitely state terms, talking vaguely about the evacuation of Beissium, with compensation to that country, and the evacuation of France after payment of an indemnity. Some such communication, I understand, was also made to the Spanish Ambassador, and the representative of the Pope at the court of Bavaria was similarly honored.

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The chancellor, in these interviews, was bluffing, it is thought here, on the time-honored principle that it is inadvisable to make your best terms first. The approximate accuracy of the German position on the first of the year, as reprinted above, has since been abundantly confirmed, and I am able to state the present German position as it is understood.

of the world, in the next great war, may depend upon the fate of Poland after this drawn war makes the Polish peace terms of both sides were obtained.

Germany new stands pat on clauses 1, 4, 5, 5, 7, and 2. She is willing to drop clause three, providing for commercial control over Beigium, in other words to abandon her dream of menacing England from Antwerp. She is prepared to abandon the reservation in clause two, and to pay Beigium all that country has lost. Clause 8, providing for a German protectorate over Asia Minor, has obviously been upset by the Russian victories, Germany would now admit, and she would propose a Russian sphere of influence in Armenia, a German sphere of influence in Armenia, a German sphere in western Asia Minor, and a British sphere in Mecopotamia. So goes glimmering the gilitaring vision of a German empire in Asia.

Effect of Military Events.

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The alterations which have taken place in Germany's aims since last winter illustrate the effect, on German diplomats, of military events in Armenia and France, and of political events in Germany. But those same events have altered the values of things in the area of the ailles as well.

In my dispatch of January 8, I quoted the minimum terms upon which my informants thought the ailles might be willing to arrange peace. In the tabulation, it was understood that the terms to be mentioned were the lowest which each country in the entente could accept without revolution taking place, and explained that for this reason the terms were more likely to be impossibly leniant than to offer any loophole for further concessions.

"From the aliles standpoint," the dispatch said, "accepting the result of the war as a draw, the following terms are the least which could be accepted:

"Levacuation by the German armies of all conquered territories; Poland possible to be made a state, but under guarantees which would prevent the Teutonic powers from exercising military control over Poland.

"2. The restoration of Serbian territory, including Macedonia; possibly compensation to Bulgaria for giving up Macedonia at the capense of Greece, who might be formed the resultions of the occupied countries pretty well, judged by the standard of former wars, although there are black in the capense of Greece, who might be

are met.

"4. The cession to France of those parts of Lorraine and Aleace in which the French population predominates.

"5. The return of German colonies, excepting Tsingtau.

"5. The partition of Persia between Russia and Britain, and recognition of a British sphere of influence in Mesopotamia and a French sphere in Asia Minor, in return for a possible recognition of a German sphere of influence in other parts of the Ottoman empire.

"7. The cession by Austria to Italy of the Trentino and Trieste."

Russia May Cause Change,

So far as I can learn those terms still represent the position of the most con-ciliatory British, French and Italian diplomats, but I should not like to guarantee that their parliaments at the present mo-ment would ratify so mild a peace. But

nothing at all, excepting part of Persia which she occupied before the war, and she lost Poland. This was justified, last winter, by the general belief, in the west that Russia would be unable to carry out a successful general offensive on any front before the end of the war. The loss of practically all her regular army and the almost hopeless task of rearmament in the face of the prevailing political corruption made it seem likely that a successful defensive for the rest of the war was all Russia could hope for.

But the scoting of Grand Duke Nicholas.

that the word Russia is a conclusive an-swer to reports about Turkey making a separate peace with the entente and ejecting her German masters, England ejecting her German masters, Emgiand and France would like nothing better, and a peace could doubtless be arranged in a few weeks, for Turkey is in desperate straits, if it were not for Russia's de-mand for Constantinople. Turkey will never surrender her famous capital un-til actual anarchy comes upon the coun-try, or until it is taken from her by force.

Long Way from Peace.

So far as the present issues between central Europe and the quadruple entente can be expressed at all in terms of diplomacy, the world in the last three months has moved some distance toward peace, but the distance still to be traversed before the goal is reached is enormous, and I should not be surprised if peace were should not be surprised if peace were eventually made following popular up-risings which swept away the diplo-matic machinery, as at present constifinatic machinery, as at present constituted, of the central powers. Last fanuary, there appeared to be five insoluble obstacles in the way of an agreement. They were the future of Poland, the future of Belgium, the future of Turkey in Asia, the Mace donian muddle, and the problem of the Adriatic. Two of those tangles, are no longer insoluble, if my information that Germany is willing to abandon her aims in connection with Turkey and Belgium is correct. And if Gerwhich Germany would put forward, but and Beigium is correct. And it Germany representing the extreme concessions which she would make after much bargaining. Though unofficial, they represented three months ago the beliefs of statesmen thoroughly acquainted with all the numerous hints and feelers put forward from Berlin during the fall and winter. conquests and Serbia rehabilitat- than the others and no better

> Germany wants Poland set up as a semi-independent state, under her military control, because the possession by the Teutons of the fortified river lines of the Bug and Vistula, under conditions of modern warfare, would make Germany practically impreg-nable against attack by Russia. This nable against attack by Russia. This is a nightmare to the entente, for it would mean that Germany in the future could attack France or England, or both, with no fear of Russia, and accordingly the entente is anxious either for Russia to drive the Germans out of Poland or for Poland to be made a buffer state and neutralized. Few military men think Russia is capable of ejecting the Austro-Osemans by force of arms. The strong feeling by both sides that the future of the world, in the next great war, may depend upon the fate of Poland after this drawn war makes the Polish problem the most difficult of all.

enna is a vassal of Berlin.

At the commencement of this article it was said that the war had entered upon a new stage with the realization of the German people that the best they can hope for is a draw that the German armies are not invincible. This fact does not necessarily mean, as it is taken to mean, that Germany is on her last legs. She is wobbling now, tired and disgusted that she cannot obtain victory. As soon as she realizes that she cannot obtain peace at present on any terms short of humiliation, she may catch her second wind and fight a dogged defensive battle in the hope of tiring her enemies out.

It is never forgotten by the diplomats.

Allies Fear Germans, When

that if they want their 3,000,000 soldiers fed they must send in the food for them. That move is expected by many before

flict more frightfulness upon enemies who will not grant her peace. They are by developing the submarine war and by making use in land or air fighting of

In a dispatch dates and willing to conclude peace on approximately the following terms:

"I. The independence of Poland under the rulership of a German prince, but with all possible regard to the interests and prestige of Russia with the new kingdem.

"2. Monetary compensation to Belman and a return to the interest and a return to be described by the British fleet. I am in possession of positive facts regarding the success of the campaign against these craft, which I am unable to make public at the need not be resent, the admiralty desiring to keep the success of the campaign against these craft, which I am unable to make public at the need not be resent, the admiralty desiring to keep the success of the campaign against these craft, which I am unable to make public at the need not be resent, the admiralty desiring to keep the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against these craft, where the success of the campaign against the s present, the admiralty desiring to keep the Germans in ignorance concerning the exact fate of their boats. The rage and chagrin of the Germans at their failure may, now or later, result in an order to sink everything.

Concerning germs and chemicals, muc misapprehension exists. The leading biologist in England told me: "Speaking broadly, the Germans are using the most effective methods of destruction known to science. It would be impossible at present to make war more destructive

Popular Terror Derided.

The popular terror lest the Germs drop plague or cholera germs on Lon-don from Zeppelins, or threaten to do so don from Zeppelins, or threaten to do so unless their terms are met, he derided. There would be not one chance in a million, he said, that such germs would take effect in a single human being, and he blamed for the present apprehension popular novelists who write about viais of piague microbes which could depopulate a city if released. It would not be possible, the scientist said, for spies to poison great reservoirs, and evidemics. to poison great reservoirs, and epidemics which might be started by spies could promptly be stamped out by preventive measures. "Assuming for the sake of argument that a contagious disease could be spread by an army among its op-ponents," he said, "under present con-ditions of trench warfare at would not take more than three days for the disease to spread across the lines."

There are only four poison gases, a chemist told me, which are practicable for use in war. They are chlorine, bromine, carbon monoxide and acrolein.
Poison gas to be effective must be heavy,
or it rises. Of these gases, bromine,
chlorine, and carbon monoxide have been
used, and acrolein, made by burning

new conquests and Serbia rehabilitation of the situation in the field.

Would make it appear that only the future of Poland and the Adriatic is constructed with a device that releases the acid after the bullet takes flight, is said by this man to be practicable, and instant death would result for a soldier astruck by such a missile. However, the object in battle is to put men out of action, rather than to kill them, and is ince most men struck are put out of action in any case it seems unlikely that a scheme, which would cover it with infamy and result in no very definite infamy and result in no very definite military advantage.

By struggling, he main succeeded in acquiring a good education but for one whole year of his high school course he was obliged to get along on one meal a day.

"I found after a series of painstaking experiences," says King, "that my one meal would go farthest when eaten along about 5 o'clock in the afternoon."

For a time, King lived with relatives in Springfield, Mass. One day he found himself with his first five-cent piece. He

and 12,000,000 enemy civilians in the power of the Germans. I have no right to suggest that such measures as have been discused here have been even considered by the Germans, but the possibilities should be understood, for when a proud, fiercely patriotic people believes taself to be facing destruction, it is likely to make use of any weapon that may be available to force its enemies

It had slipped out through a hole in to stay their hands.

WILL DISCUSS CONSERVATION.

Civies Section of Twentieth Century Club to Meet Thursday.

The civics section of the Twentieth Century Club, with Mrs Gilbert Gros-venor, leader, and Mrs. F. V. Coville, associate leader, will meet on Thurs-day morning at 11 o'clock, at All Souls' day morning at 11 o'clock, at All Souls' Church The general subject will be "Conservation," various phases of which will be treated by Mrs. Flora Macdonald Thompson, president of the Housekeepers' Alliance, and Mrs. A. R. Traey, who will speak on "The Conservation of Birds." Mrs. Raymond B. Morgan will speak on District suffrage and the prohibition refrendum. The travel section will meet with text.

The travel section will meet with its leader, Mrs William F. Ham, 2621 Woodley Place, on Wednesday morning at 19:30 o'clock. The subject will be "The West Indies," by Mrs. Frank

STATESMEN—REAL AND NEAR.

CLOSE-UP VIEWS OF FOLK WORTH KNOWING By FRED C. KELLY.

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"Well, you were pretty close to it, said Flynn, as he turned it over, "bu mine was the four of clubs." Inasmuch as the entire deck was com posed of fours of spades, Taggart knew better; but he said nothing, and bought the cigars for the crowd. "Tell us now how you did it—how you came so pear to it," urged Flynn. And Taggart showed him that the deck

was made up of nothing but fours of spades. "You not only did the trick," muttered Flynn disgustedly, "but you've gone and proved me a llar. It's a smart one you are, and I guess I'd be a chump not to be friends with the likes of you."

They've been good friends ever since.

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, who is slight of stature, had his first meeting a few days ago with Uncle Joe Cannon. The latter took a good look at him as they shook hands, and remarked:
"Hum! You're a little devil, aren't

If he had wished to, Baker could doubtless have thought up some refort. for he is quick on the come-back, Recently when in one of his daily conferences with the Washington newspapermen, he requested that he be not asked any hypothetical questions. Several had been asking him things like this: "If it should turn out that such and such a report is true, what action will you take?"

Then somebody asked a question which he followed with the inquiry in a somewhat bantering tone:
"Is that too seriously hypothetical?"
"Not seriously so," quickly replied
Baker, "but obviously so."

It is doubtful if any three men in Congress have had so much hard luck crowded into their lives as Represent-ative Edward J. King, of Illinois. King was born in poverty and was rais for use for use the most part in a sad-eyed little livery stable in a tough part of Galesburg. For years he had no bedroom except part of a box stall.

By struggling, he finally succeeded in acquiring a good education but for one whole, and a soldier whole year of his high school course he was chilzed to get along on one meal a the most part in a sad-eyed little liver

military advantage.

If, then, any "super-frightfulness" becomes an issue in this war, it is likely to center around those 3,000,000 prisoners and 19,000,000 enemy civilians in the ride. He walked out to the end of the

It had slipped out through a hole in

Another time he saved his money, earned by pulling weeds, until he had a quarter, and he hit on the plan of a quarter, and he int on the plan of squandering this for a gallery seat in Tillie Haynes' opera house to see Buffa-lo Bill. An hour before the doors opened. King was there in line. As the crowd was about to advance up to the ticket window, a tall reliew a little ahead of King, yelled back:

"Here, son, let me have your quarter and I'll get your ticket for you." Glad of the chance to get in a bit Glad of the chance to get in a bit sooner, he handed ever his precious



The Friendship House Association will be at home to the Twentieth Century Club on Wednesday afternoon, as from 2:30 to 5 o'clock at Priendship House, 324 Virginia avenue northeast.

Taking No Chances..

John Hendricks, a singular Western character, awoke one morning to find himself wealthy through a rich min made such a deep and lasting impression on him strike. Soon he concluded to broaden his mind by travel, and decided to go to Europe. Boarding the said:

"Captain, if I understand the way this here ship is constructed it's got several water-tight compartments?"

"Yes, sir."

"Water's all on the outside—can't mone get in nohow?"

"No, sir."

"Captain," said Hendricks, decidedly, "T want one o' them compartments—I don't care what it costs extra."—San k Francisco Argonaut.

The tail fellow took it, bought himself a ticket and passed on inside. King add not see the show. It was years later before he ever witnessed a performance in a ticket and passed on inside. King and the saw Joseph Jefferson in Rip Van Winkle. The thing made such a deep and lasting impression on him that he has Jefferson's framed picture on the wall of his room to the present day.

One time King found the frame of an old pigsticker sied on an ash-heap. He rescued it and at the expenditure of much time and effort made a body for it. Then he went forth to enjoy his first coast on a sied of his own. A much larger boy came up and took the sied away from him, claiming it was his. King made up his mind right there that when he grew up he would be a lawyer and help settle disputes on a lawyer.

And now here he is in Congress.

At the close of a brisk political campaign out in Indianapolis a few years affairs, and is now junior United States Senator, strolled into a Wash-many was winning. So long as Germany was winning, so long as the warremained a deadlock, German opinion would never sanction any systematic "frightfulness" at the expense of the helpless 22,000,000.

But if the armies of the allies move forward, if the British blockade produces famile in the Fatherland? The least to be expected is a notification to the allies that if they want their 3,000,000 soldiers the sold of the sold

Taggart was hoping for.

"All right," said he. "Or how would it do to play a game of seven-up, the loser to buy the cigars"

Flynn asked the proprietor of the store to get a deck of cards.

"And so Senator Camden got one of these?" Lewis repeated as he was about to leave the store.

"Yes, sir," said the cierk, "he bought one only yesterday—for his chauffeur.

Taggart happened to think then that he had a deck in his pocket.

To save time," he suggested, with a peace were granted.

This terrible prospect might well give the allies pause. It could not but discourante the internal conditions of Russia and France, while the horrible suffering involved would be beyond imagination. These are some of the things that men mean here when they speak darkly of the approaching lapse of Europe into savagery. The phrase may prove to be no mere rhetoric.

Aside from the possible use of prisoners and civilians as weapons of warfare, there are two ways only in which Germany might attempt to carry out the dark threats of Editer Harden and inflict more frightfulness upon enemies a stand-one of California, however, is unable to pass. He can find no one to pair with—no one that he would take a chance on. For that he would take a chance on and form a clover blossom. Then he cracked a butterfly on the wing. They passed a horner's next, kent is enrolled as an Independent, and he is the most consistently independent voter in Congress. He has no more thought of voting according to the color of his eyes. So when he goes away he cannot participate in a pair. The one member of Congress that a can Union in Washington, is said to be a conducted to the color of his eyes. So when he goes away he cannot participate in a pair. The one member of Congress that the cannot ca he goes away he cannot participate in a pair. The one member of Congress that he might take a chance on and form a pair with is Uncle Joe Cannon. It is about a thousand-to-one shot that Cannon and Kent would never be on the non and Kent would never be on the same side of any given proposition.

John Barrett, head of the Pan-Ameriyears loss of citizen rights. Thousands of tons of his mixture had been sold to the army administration.

The second case is that of Frank Koch, a leather dealer in Nuernberg, who has a leather dealer in Nuernberg, who has

Senator Warren G. Harding, of Ohlo, s a person of frank and engaging per-sonality. He is agreeable without being sonality. He is agreeable without being flattering. While he likes to say pleasant things to pleasant people, he has an an aversion to saying anything that he does not actually mean. When Mark Hanna was in the Senate, Harding and he made a long campaign together. One night Hanna told a friend:

"I made a wonderful speech tonight."

"How do you know? Aren't you a little prejudiced?" suggested the friend.

"It was a great speech." insisted Hanna. "I know, because Warren Harding told me so. He never told me such a thing before. You know it's against his religion to say anything is good that

religion to say anything is good that

Schley Howard, Georgia Congressman, recently addressed a big meeting in his home State on the value of organization. He illustrated what he had to say by

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boasting to a white man who was riding with him about his dexterity with a long blacksmake whip. Just to show what he could do, he whirled the whip round and



We have received the initial copy of

the "Outlaw," a new theatrical publication put forward none too modestly by our old friend, Maurice Campbell, a prominent member of the theatrical gang and the husband of Henrietta Crosman. much known to fame hereabouts. Mr. Campbell frankly declares "Outisw" to be "a rogue and a rasseal, but faithful to the theater." It is a neat little maga-

A colored man driving an ox team was FAKE FOOD FOR GERMAN ARMY

the Administration,

Berlin (via Ameterdam), March M.mong the numerous cases of sales of "fake" food wares to the German troops, which the government is cigorously prose cuting, the following are two of the most flagrant violations:

and 2,000 marks (\$500) and the closi of his business for supplying boots the Bavarian troops, the footgear largely commuting of a preparation of cardboard. In this flourishing business Herr Koch had been engaged for menths, and had already sold 15,000 pairs to the troops when the fraud was discovered,

Happy Helping Hand Club Meets. The Happy Helping Hand Club gave the theater." It is a nest little magazine typhographically, and embraces ardent discussions of subjects which range
all the way from poker to dramatic criticlam, live human affairs, by the way,
that are strikingly similar, both being
games of chances in which the other fellow holds the big hands. For the "Outlaw" we wish great prosperity, and for
the editor due power to collect subscriptions and keep out of jail.—Pittsburgh
Gazette-Times.

The happy Helping Hand Club Meets.
The Happy Helping Hand Club gave
the committee was composed of
Misses F. Underberg, G. Levy and M.
Hutt and S. Karmel and H. Bush. Joseph Kisloft, president of the club, opencome to the members and guesta. Among
the interesting features was the orchestra obtained by the club for the danoing. The club will hold a meeting tonight at 7:20 o'clock at its home, 605 Seventh street northwest.

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